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59,700,000 REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Lucy Miller, president and CEO of the United Way of Calgary and Area, stands between campaign co-chairs Dave Kelly, left, and Gianna Manes while celebrating this year's fundraising campaign, which saw Calgarians raise \$59.7 million that will support more than 350 local programs and agencies. Story, page 6. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Stolen truck's link to Mountie shooting shocks couple

Slain officer. Grande Prairie woman recovers after a stress-induced heart attack from news



LEAH HOLOIDAY
Metro in Edmonton

When police told Donna Campbell they had found her

stolen truck, the news was simply overwhelming.

"Are you sitting down?" Campbell said the officer asked her twice.

In the ensuing conversation, the Grande Prairie woman learned St. Albert RCMP Const. David Wynn had identified her truck at the Apex Casino parking lot moments before he was shot by Shawn Maxwell Rehn.

Wynn, 42, died several

days later in hospital.

"I just got shivers. I said, 'Oh, you're kidding,'" Campbell remembered.

Upon hanging up the phone, Campbell started having chest pains and asked her husband to take her to the hospital.

"It turned out I had a heart attack," she told Metro. Doctors informed her it was stress-induced.

While Campbell is slowly

recovering, she said the entire situation is so sad, especially for Wynn's wife and three sons.

"The poor family," she said.

"This man shouldn't have been out on the streets, by the sound of things. It's pretty sad, everything that has happened."

Campbell and her husband first reported the truck stolen from a south Edmon-

ton hotel parking lot in October, when the couple had driven to the city to do some early Christmas shopping.

"We couldn't believe it," said Campbell, later learning three Ford F350s had been stolen the same week in the city and were often targeted by car thieves.

After the stipulated 20-day insurance period, the couple was able to file their insurance claim and assumed the

truck was long gone.

"We didn't think we'd ever see it again," she said. "Usually when they're stolen, they're gone, and that's it."

Police informed Campbell that the truck had been full of stolen property, including a printer, a camera, tools and different purchases from Costco.

Despite a request by Metro, RCMP weren't able to confirm the details by press time.

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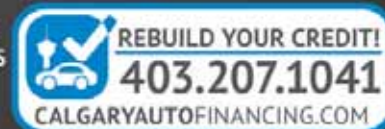
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Motorsports hearing revs up supporters, opponents

Airdrie area. Rural residents worry about noise, while Calgary police back the project, saying they would use site for driver training



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Race enthusiasts and peeved farmers lined up against each other Tuesday as Rocky View County entered the final lap of debate on whether to approve a massive motorsports park just northeast of Airdrie.

The Rockyview Motorsports Park, first revealed as being in the works by Metro in mid-2012, would span about 260 hectares, but only 60 per cent of that space would be devoted to those with high-octane interests.

The remaining space could be used for wetlands research and other environmental studies, officials said Tuesday during a presentation to Rocky View councillors.

Those same members listened to hours of public presentations on the project Tuesday that, as of press time, had yet to wrap up.

When the public hearing is complete, council is expected to vote on whether to allow the current plot of farmland to be re-designated and, by effect, give the green light to the development.

Dozens were due to speak at the public hearing Tuesday. Every seat inside the county council chambers was taken while a crowd formed outside to watch proceedings on a television monitor.

Asked if he supported the proposed racetrack and driver-training centre, farmer Eldon Aldred didn't hesitate to speak his mind.

"Oh, hell no," he told Metro, adding that his home of 80 years is just a few kilometres away.

"It's in an agricultural area," Aldred said. "The noise, the pollution, and it's a big money racket.... It's going to be so loud."

But officials behind the development turned to a Germany-based company that specializes in the sound impact caused by motorsports parks in hopes of defusing concerns of nearby residents. An analysis found the noise experienced in areas surrounding the race-track would never exceed 61 decibels — by comparison, City of Calgary bylaws only allow for the ticketing of motorists whose rides blast noise over 96 decibels.

A number of supporters turned up at Tuesday's hearing wearing buttons and T-shirts that pledged support for the motorsports park.

Brad Gavay used to run 25 motorcycle events a year out of Calgary's Race City Motorsports Park before it closed in late 2011. He said a major benefit of the Rocky View race-track revival would be training



Stefan Weltzin hopes to someday take his motorcycle for a spin on the main track at Rockyview Motorsports Park.

JEREMY NOLAÏS/METRO

the next generation of two-wheeled travellers.

"You can buy any motorcycle for \$10,000 that is faster than any \$150,000 car.... Race-tracks save lives; they don't cost lives," he said.

Among the crowd of up-and-

comers was motorcyclist Stefan Weltzin. He turned up to watch the proceedings Tuesday and said he was intrigued by a focus on driver-training programs at the park.

"It would help me with advancing my skills as a rider, and

I could have some fun in a controlled environment," he said.

The park also has the backing of the Calgary Police Service, which hopes to establish a long-awaited driver-training facility for its members.

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RCMP try to ID suspect in robberies spanning 3 provinces

RCMP and other Western Canada law-enforcement agencies are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect who may be responsible for a string of armed robberies across three provinces.

J.P. Michaud, from the Calgary RCMP serious-crimes branch, said the suspect is believed to be responsible for four robberies in British Columbia, three robberies in Alberta and a single robbery in Saskatchewan between Dec. 1, 2014 and Jan. 21, 2015.

Police say the suspect is a white man between the ages of 25 and 35, he's believed to be between five-foot-five

and six feet in height and has brown facial hair.

They say he's been seen wearing dark clothing, a dark toque and dark sunglasses at the time of the robberies.

"In every case, a weapon was either mentioned or produced and the suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash," said Michaud, noting no employees or members of the public have been injured.

In each instance, the weapon in question has been a firearm, and Michaud said the RCMP has to assume the suspect has the intention of using it.

Now they're looking for

any information the public has to offer.

"We have obtained good-quality photographs as well as videos from the financial institutions' internal security systems and we feel there will be somebody out there that will recognize who this individual is," he said.

"It could be a neighbour, a co-worker, a friend or relative or just somebody who you have seen down the street at a local store."

RCMP say the suspect should be considered armed and dangerous and stressed the public shouldn't approach the individual.

Instead, those with infor-

mation should contact the RCMP at 1-844-887-6287.

Michaud explained the RCMP is currently unsure of the suspect's whereabouts, adding that the fact there's so much distance between the robberies is uncommon.

"Usually we'll see a suspect travel short distances, but to go across three provinces like that ... is very unusual."

RCMP explained that while all eight of the robberies occurred in the same time frame, law enforcement haven't established a pattern in which the suspect is traveling and didn't disclose how much cash he may have obtained. **MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO**



RCMP believe this man, who should be considered armed and dangerous, may be responsible for robbing several banks in B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan. CONTRIBUTED

1 NEWS

William Reid modulars won't be erected faster than others

Announcement

preview. Alberta Education committing to more than 230 new classrooms come fall



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Modulars planned for a Calgary school in the education minister's own riding will be ready in accordance with the same timeline as those planned for numerous other communities, suggest details of a provincial announcement Tuesday.

The plan is to erect another 167 makeshift classrooms, including 22 in Calgary, in time for the 2015-16 school year. The move would add to an already pledged slate of 69 modulars that were announced in the fall.

Numerous school boards continue to cope with rapidly growing student populations while waiting until at least September 2016 for new, fully built schools.

Full details of the project were to be posted online Wednesday, but indications from the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) were that two modulars for William Reid School would be constructed on the same schedule as the others.

Education Minister Gordon Dirks came under fire during his byelection campaign last year for announcing classrooms for William Reid ahead



Modulars planned for William Reid School became the source of much controversy during last year's provincial byelection campaign. METRO FILE

of schools the CBE had ranked as being in greater need.

After a Metro story ran, Alberta's Ethics Commissioner Marguerite Trussler was called to investigate Dirks' actions. She declared earlier this month that while he had made the announcement for "purely political reasons," he did not violate the Conflicts of Interest Act.

In a statement concerning the modulars announcement Tuesday, David Heyman, press secretary for the minister, said

"education remains a top priority for this government."

"Enrolment is surging throughout Alberta, and schools need places for students to learn."

The CBE said it "will now begin plans" for installation of the new modulars in time for the start of September classes.

Two modulars apiece will be installed at Cranston School, Evergreen School, Louis Riel School, Coventry Hills School, Radisson Park School, William

Reid School, Citadel School, Glamorgan School and Le Roi Daniels School. There will also be one modular put in at Mid-Sun School.

Even with all those, the province's plan fell short of the CBE's request, which called for one more modular at MidSun and a total of six at Louis Riel.

The public board also said in a release it did not receive approval for four replacement modulars at John G. Diefenbaker.

Tour. NDP wants to hear from you on low oil prices

The New Democrats are hitting the road to get their own take on what Albertans want Premier Jim Prentice to do given the collapse in oil prices.

NDP Leader Rachel Notley says she wants to make sure that all voices are heard, not just those who want to cut budgets.

Prentice and his MLAs are currently visiting communities to get feedback on how to keep the economy going despite low oil prices that have sucked billions of dollars from the treasury.

Prentice has said almost everything is on the table, including the wages of Alberta's public-sector workers.

The NDP tour begins Wednesday in Medicine Hat and will include former leader



Rachel Notley METRO FILE

Brian Mason.

Mason has announced he will run again in the next election.

He says that with Prentice moving the Tories more to the right, a progressive alternative such as the NDP is more important than ever.

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Calgary Chamber

40% of businesses hit by flood don't have key mitigation plans, says report

Most businesses affected by Calgary's 2013 flood have taken steps to prepare for a future high-water event, but four in 10 still have no "off-site storage of critical documents, remote operating abilities and protocols or an emergency communication strategy," according to a new report.

The Calgary Chamber surveyed city businesses and found that while most

are better prepared for a flood than they were two years ago, many still have work to do on emergency preparedness plans.

"What it shows is that most Calgary businesses have taken steps to be better prepared for a future disaster — 81 per cent are confident their business is better prepared to deal with future disasters," said Justin Smith, chamber director of policy and government relations, in a release.

"However, gaps still remain as many businesses still do not have written business interruption plans." METRO

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First Nations. Break in water main cuts off clean supply to the Tsuu T'ina

Residents of the Tsuu T'ina Nation are being told not to drink the water after a break in a water main in the area.

According to the Alberta Emergency Alert system, the water-main break has stopped the flow of potable water to homes and buildings on the Tsuu T'ina Nation, southeast of Bullhead Road.

They say not to drink tap water of any kind.

A potable water truck has been set up at the North Sarccee townsite, and residents can also have water containers filled at the fire hall.

A Tsuu T'ina representative didn't return calls for more information on the severity of the break and how many residents were affected. **METRO**

Outdoor activities

Bookings for provincial campsites open early February

Break out the marshmallows and beer coolers. The warm weather is telling us winter is nearing its end. Yes, camping season is nearly upon us.

The province said Tues-

day that online pre-booking of group campsites would return starting Feb. 8 at Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca.

Regular camping reservations will begin online the following week, and comfort camping bookings will launch the week after.

The online booking site provides access to almost 14,000 campsites.

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Calgary United Way raises \$59.7M in 2014 campaign

Fundraising. Charity's record year will help fund more than 350 local programs



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It wasn't an awkward outfit mix-up; there was a reason dozens of Calgarians wearing "do gooder" shirts lined the seats of a theatre on the top floor of the Bow building Tuesday.

The announcement came after lots of anticipation: the United Way of Calgary and Area's 2014 campaign raised a record \$59.7 million to fight poverty, help kids thrive and build strong communities.

"Today was a wonderful day," said United Way president and CEO Lucy Miller. "One of the things we've discovered is that when you call on Calgar-



A standing ovation for United Way Calgary CEO Lucy Miller and her reveal of the 2014 campaign results. **HELEN PIKE/METRO**

ians to do good ... it's amazing what we can do together."

While the fundraising reached a record high this year, Miller said she's still daring Calgarians to do more.

With a breathtaking view of the city, Miller and her supporting crew celebrated the United Way's 75th anniversary

with the record-breaking sum, which will go toward more than 350 local programs such as the YWCA and Accessible Housing Calgary.

"For us, partnering with the United Way opens doors to people who otherwise couldn't afford them," said Jeff Dyer, executive director of Access-

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"Partnering with the United Way opens doors to people who otherwise couldn't afford (proper housing)."

Jeff Dyer, executive director of Accessible Housing

ible Housing.

"We'll actually tell our staff to go out and open 22 new doors of affordable accessible housing in the city directly connected to United Way's investment in us."

What's special about the United Way's contribution, he added, is that they ask for a proactive approach — getting people into homes before they end up on the street.

Miller said the United Way is already planning next year's campaign, approaching big names and stakeholders to get people interested in investing more in Calgary.

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Cabbies at YYC treated to new bullpen

New digs await inbound cabbies at Calgary International Airport.

The apparent shoddy state of the previous "bullpen" — an area where Associated Cab drivers wait before being called ahead to the formal queue located just outside the airport's doors — was identified as a primary concern by drivers who staged a series of wildcat strikes at the airport in

late 2013.

The drivers complained that the bathroom in the bullpen area was unsanitary and claimed they were threatened with being fired when they raised concerns about it to Associated's management.

Now, airport officials and Associated president Roger Richard will gather Wednesday morning to cut the ribbon on a new staging area.

"This was always in the plans," Richard said Tuesday. "The other place was a temporary one. This new place, it's very modern, there's lots of space."

Dozens of the striking drivers, including group leader Rupinder Gill, broke off from Associated to form their own brokerage, Calgary United Cabs. That outfit now features more than 100 vehicles and claims to

be the only in the city that will always field customer calls, no matter how busy it is.

Richard said morale among his hundreds of remaining drivers is high and that those steering the 2013 job action had ulterior motives.

"What happened there was deliberate, it was for their own special agenda," he said. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Open house guests discuss the planned reservoir with Alberta government officials at Mount Royal University on Tuesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Alberta Environment plans to hold another open house in Cochrane on Wednesday



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Many rural residents have been fighting a proposed off-stream reservoir in Springbank designed to prevent flooding in Calgary, but for city residents like Naomi Tellerman, it can't be built fast enough.

Her Rideau-area home saw water from the Elbow River rise into parts of the main floor, forcing her family out for two weeks in June 2013, when Calgary saw its worst flooding in a generation.

And she counts herself among the lucky ones.

"That's nothing," Tellerman said of her flood experience. "We had neighbours who were out for months."

She was among dozens of people who came out to Mount Royal University Tuesday evening for an open house on the proposed project, which Premier Jim Prentice decided last September to proceed with, in spite of opposition from some in the area.

A group calling itself Don't Damn Springbank notes the project is located downstream of Bragg Creek and Redwood Meadows and would not protect those "hardest-hit communities" of the 2013 flood.

"This proposed dam would create a massive blight on the landscape of Springbank and create permanent negative environmental and social impacts on Calgary's western communities," the group adds in an online statement.

Details

The proposed Springbank reservoir would have a capacity of 67.6 million cubic metres — roughly four times the size of the Glenmore Reservoir in Calgary.

- A 4.5-kilometre canal would divert water from a point on the Elbow River just west of Highway 22 to the reservoir, and a return channel would allow it to slowly flow back in about 10 kilometres downstream.
- Filled to capacity, it would take about 30 days for the reservoir to drain, which would be sufficient to prevent major flooding in Calgary should the river see the same flow levels experienced in 2013.

The \$215-million project would divert water from the Elbow River to a 650-hectare area that currently belongs to about two dozen different land owners, said Jason Penner, a public affairs officer with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.

The province is working on purchase or compensation agreements, but has yet to secure deals with all landowners, many who strongly oppose the project.

A proposed timeline for the project presented at Tuesday's open house suggests construction could be complete by the end of 2017 but Tellerman worries delays in the land acquisition could push that back by years.

"I hope they do what they promised they're going to do and make it a high priority," she said of the project.

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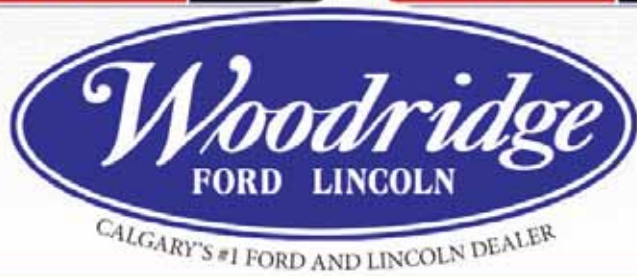


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Prisons. Denying parole to offenders dangerous: MPs

The government's long-promised plan to lock up some criminals and throw away the key will make prisons more dangerous, opposition MPs say.

Denying any chance of parole to the worst violent offenders will increase the chances of prison guards being attacked, the NDP and Liberal public-safety critics said Tuesday as the government signalled legislation would come before summer. Opposition MPs want a greater emphasis on rehabilitating inmates.

Criminologists dismissed the life-behind-bars initiative after it was announced in the October 2013 speech from the throne, saying there are already legal provisions to ensure the most heinous offenders never get out.

At the time, the government said those convicted of the worst crimes — such as multiple murders or sex assaults on children — could spend the rest of their lives in prison.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney says legislation

Solitary confinement

The federal government is facing a second court challenge to the use of solitary confinement in prisons.

- This time, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies have filed a petition in Ontario Superior Court. The petition seeks to challenge the constitutionality of isolation, which the groups call cruel and inhumane. They say the practice is "fatally flawed."

will be tabled before Parliament rises in June.

"People who commit serious and violent crimes in a repetitive manner constitute a menace to society," Blaney said. "The premier objective is to protect society."

When the plan was first outlined, Justice Minister Peter MacKay said the provisions would be applied very narrowly. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mulcair promises tax relief for small businesses, manufacturers

NDP platform. Move aims to show that New Democrats have a plan to spur the sputtering economy despite plunging oil prices

Tom Mulcair has nailed down three more planks in the NDP election platform, unveiling promises of tax relief for small business and manufacturers.

The NDP leader announced Tuesday that a New Democrat government would cut the tax rate for small businesses to nine per cent from the current 11 per cent.

It would also extend for an additional two years the accelerated capital cost allowance for machinery or equipment used in manufacturing, a tax break that is scheduled to expire this year.

And it would create an innovation tax credit to encourage manufacturers to invest in machinery, equipment and



NDP Leader Tom Mulcair speaks during question period in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

property used in research and development.

"With strategic investments and a concrete plan, we can provide the squeezed middle class with a stronger economy and better shock absorbers to ensure they weather the storm in the coming months and years ahead," Mulcair told the Economic Club of Canada.

The trio of measures is part of a bid to show that New Democrats have a plan to spur

the sputtering economy that's in sharp contrast to the standard approach taken by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives in the face of plunging oil prices.

But they're also likely to raise more questions about how Mulcair intends to pay for his promises at a time when the oil price drop is sucking billions from the federal treasury and stunting economic growth.

An NDP backgrounder esti-

Election platforms

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair began unveiling platform planks last summer — before oil prices nosedived.

- PM Stephen Harper has vowed that the oil price plunge won't knock the government off its plans to balance the budget in the coming year and deliver on pricey promises of tax benefits for families with young children.

mates that reducing the small-business tax rate to 10 per cent immediately would cost \$600 million a year, with the final drop to nine per cent coming when finances permit. The innovation tax credit would cost about \$40 million a year, while extending the capital cost allowance would cost \$1.2 billion over two years.

That's on top of previous commitments Mulcair has made. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Auschwitz survivors mark 70 years free

Holocaust. Jewish, world leaders and 300 former prisoners gather at infamous concentration camp to commemorate their liberation

A Jewish leader stood before 300 survivors of a notorious Nazi death camp on Tuesday and asked world leaders to prevent another Auschwitz, warning of a rise of anti-Semitism that has made Jews fearful of walking the streets and is causing many to flee Europe.

Ronald Lauder, the president of the World Jewish Congress, made his bleak assessment on the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, speaking next to the gate

and railroad tracks that marked the last journey for more than a million people murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

He said his speech was shaped by the recent terrorist attacks in France that targeted Jews and newspaper satirists.

"For a time, we thought that the hatred of Jews had finally been eradicated. But slowly the demonization of Jews started to come back," Lauder said.

Europe witnessed a spasm of anti-Semitism last summer during the war in Gaza, with protests in Paris turning violent, along with other hostilities across the continent.

One Holocaust survivor, Roman Kent, became emotional as he issued a plea to world leaders to remember the atrocities and fight for tolerance.

"We do not want our past to be our children's future," the 85-year-old said to applause,

fighting back tears as he repeated those words a second time.

The commemorations in Poland, which was under Nazi occupation during the Second World War, were also marked by a melancholic awareness that it may be the last major anniversary that a significant number of survivors will be strong enough to attend.

"The survivors are completely gutted that in their lifetime they went through what they went through and that now they are at the end of their life and they don't know what kind of world they are leaving for their grandchildren," said Stephen Smith, executive director of the USC Shoah Foundation.

"That is very disappointing for them. We have let them down."

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Blizzard hits Long Island, Massachusetts

Charlie Glover leaves a two-foot-tall path as he uses a snow blower to dig himself out of the snow on Tuesday in New Bedford, Mass. The not-so-great blizzard of 2015 did wallop the Northeast — Long Island and Massachusetts got hammered — but snowfall in the media capital of New York City was about 0.3 metres. New Jersey and Philadelphia were also spared. Meteorologists say the nor'easter stayed about 120 to 160 kilometres east of its predicted track, which meant the western edge — New York and New Jersey — got 10 inches less than was originally forecast. PETER PEREIRA/STANDARD TIMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Terrorism

Hostages have less than 24 hours: ISIL

An online message purportedly from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group warned Tuesday that a Japanese hostage and Jordanian pilot the extremists hold have less than "24 hours left to live."

The message again demanded the release of Sajida al-Rishawi, an Iraqi woman sentenced to death in Jordan

for involvement in a 2005 terror attack that killed 60 people. It also mentioned for the first time Jordanian pilot Mu'ath al-Kaseasbeh, who is a captive of ISIL, setting a Wednesday-afternoon deadline.

Tuesday's video matched a message released over the weekend, though neither bore the logo of ISIL's al-Furqan media arm. The weekend video showed a still photo of Kenji Goto holding what appears to be a photo of the body of

Japanese hostage Haruna Yukawa.

The message says that unless the Jordanian government frees al-Rishawi within 24 hours, Goto and the pilot will be killed, adding that this would be the group's last message. The message warns any delaying tactics by the government will result in the death of both men.

Goto has only "24 hours left to live, and the pilot has even less," the message said.

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Facebook, Instagram dismiss cyberattack

Lizard Squad. Group of hackers had claimed responsibility on Twitter for outages

Facebook said the outage that made its social-media sites inaccessible worldwide for about an hour Tuesday was self-inflicted.

Users of PCs and Facebook's mobile app reported they lost access in Asia, Canada, the United States, Australia and the U.K. Facebook-owned Instagram was also inaccessible.

Facebook said the disruption was caused by a technical change and wasn't a cyber-attack: "This was not the result of a third-party attack but instead occurred after we introduced a change that affected our configuration systems," it said in a statement.

The temporary loss of service may be Facebook's biggest outage since Sept. 24, 2010, when it was down for about



Instagram and Facebook users in Canada, Asia, the U.S., Australia and the U.K. were affected when the social-media websites stopped working for about an hour Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

2.5 hours.

Guillermo Lafuente, security consultant at MWR InfoSecurity, said a technical fault was more plausible. A denial-of-service attack would have made the sites unreachable rather than accessible with an error message displayed, he said. Facebook's use of mul-

iple data centres also meant an attack on one would have affected one region, while this outage was worldwide.

Also, restoring service would be a matter of reversing the technical changes, which matched with the brevity of the outage, LaFuente said.

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Jobs

Tim Hortons to lay off staff at HQ

Tim Hortons is refusing to say how many employees will lose their jobs at its headquarters and regional offices in a reorganization of its operations announced Tuesday.

A spokeswoman said Tuesday it's "still in the process" of notifying staff members who will be affected by widespread changes to its Oakville, Ont., offices and regional offices across the country.

While the company plans to keep its headquarters in Oakville, staff outside its restaurants were not protected under a promise by Burger King to maintain jobs at Tim Hortons franchises across Canada for five years.

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Loans and mortgages

Big banks finally cut prime rate

Canada's big banks have started passing on some — but not all — of the Bank of Canada's rate cut. Royal Bank was the first to cut its prime rate to 2.85 per cent from three per cent, effective Wednesday — quickly matched by Bank of Montreal, TD Bank, CIBC and Bank of Nova Scotia.

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Middle class. Up to \$120K qualifies, feds suggest

Finance Minister Joe Oliver insists low- and middle-income families will see two-thirds of the benefits from the Harper government's contentious multibillion-dollar tableau of family-friendly measures.

By that measure, Oliver is suggesting families with annual incomes as high as \$120,000 qualify as middle class.

The Finance Department's own internal breakdown of the distribution of relief from the family package shows 68 per cent of the benefits — about two-thirds — will go to families that earn up to \$120,000 in 2015.

The Canadian Press obtained the figures under the Access to Information Act.

The government's figures show that 25 per cent of the

relief will go to families that earn under \$30,000 in 2015; 11 per cent to those earning between \$30,000 and \$60,000; 15 per cent between \$60,000 and \$90,000; and 17 per cent between \$90,000 and \$120,000.

Together, these categories represent 68 per cent of the relief. The remaining 32-per cent share will benefit families that bring in more than \$120,000 this year.

Overall, the government documents say 4.07 million families will benefit from the measures in 2015 by an average of \$1,140 each.

The entire package is expected to reduce government revenues by \$4.62 billion in 2015 and \$26.7 billion between 2014-15 and 2019-20.

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VOICES

IN DEFENCE OF WINNIPEG



Or, how I learned to stop worrying and 'splain my city in the face of racism accusations



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I'm getting bloody tired of defending my city.

"Why do you live there?"

From the snobbish comments about mosquitoes (yes, they can be bad) to the jokes about Winterpeg (yes, winter can be bad), it gets tiresome. Especially when the bulk of the snobbery comes from Canada's wannabe capital.

I think Winnipeg Free Press policy reporter Mary Agnes Welch said it best when she tweeted, "Is it just my Western Canadian chip, or are others cranky with pubs like @globeandmail & @MacleansMag Toronto-splaining our problems to us?"

I share your chip, Mary Agnes.

The latest "Toronto-splain" comes from Maclean's, which branded Winnipeg as having the country's worst racism problem.

Speaking of problems, there are several with the article. For example, the statistics used are for the entire Prairies, not for Winnipeg. The example of Tina Sinclair as a racially motivated murder is flawed, as we don't know who killed her or why. Aboriginal teen Rinelle Harper was sexually assaulted, beaten and thrown into the river by two aboriginal men—that's



Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman responds to the Maclean's article on Thursday. Metro's Elisha Dacey argues that Winnipeg was working on its problem with racism long before Maclean's and its "Toronto-splaining" supposedly started the conversation. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

not racist, that's simply horrific.

But the most frustrating thing for me is that the writer, former Winnipegger Nancy Macdonald, came "back" after the article to meet with local groups. She told the CBC that she was there in hopes of witnessing

change and the start of the conversation. News flash, Nancy: we've been talking about it for years. We've been changing for years.

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman reacted to the article by agreeing we have a problem, because we already

know this. It's systemic. Anyone who followed the story of Brian Sinclair—an aboriginal man who died from a treatable bladder infection in a Winnipeg emergency room because nurses figured he was a drunk sleeping it off—knows it's a problem.

But we're not afraid of challenges and we've already started. The city established a Citizen Equity Committee in 2001 with a mandate to advise council on how to integrate and respect all cultures. Meet Me At The Bell Tower is a local group founded a few years ago by a young aboriginal activist living in the city's most depressed neighbourhood as a rallying cry for all Winnipeggers to lift themselves up. There are numerous other examples.

But change like this takes time. It takes generations.

I've lived in other cities. They're racist, too. And they're full of crumbling infrastructure and crooked politicians and bad weather and bugs that bite.

So why do I live here? We embrace winter. We put on bug spray and dance in the city parks. Our music scene is arguably the best in the country. Culturally, you will not find a stronger city. At festivals such as Fringe and Folkklarama and Festival du Voyageur, we celebrate our differences. We ignored the naysayers and built the stunning Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

And we've admitted we have a racism problem. Have you?

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Bell's Let's Talk Day

Damn shame: Overcoming stigma in mental illness



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The view count on Brene Brown's TED Talk about shame clocks in at more than 4.5 million. Though we're loath to admit it, shame is a hot topic.

It's a major reason people don't seek help with anxiety, depression and other mental-health issues. With today's Let's Talk Day, a campaign by Bell to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma around mental illness and raise funds for Canadian mental-health initiatives, shame needs to be part of the discussion more than ever.

Any of these sound familiar? "It's normal to have this level of stress. I'm just not very good at dealing with it."

"I can't say anything now. Too

many people are depending on me."

"There are people who are so much worse off than I am, so I have no right to complain."

If you've felt any of these, you're not alone.

Work-related stress, for instance, is ubiquitous. Nearly a third of Canadians experience high levels of stress in the workplace, according to a report released by the Mental Health Commission of Canada last

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week. A common thread in the report, which outlined 13 key indicators of mental illness in Canada, was that they affect us all. The report identified surprisingly high numbers of people who experienced mental-health issues in everyday situations.

Mental wellness in schools was another major concern. The report found that a shocking 20 per cent of

post-secondary students may have engaged in self-harm, a warning sign that colleges and universities need to pay keen attention to their students' mental well-being and provide more methods of support. Encouraging in-class discussions about coping with stress would be a good start. The ideals of perfection in school, work and relationships are rampant and poisonous. Magazines publish unrealistic profiles of successful people and give advice on

Talking point:

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how you can hold the perfect dinner party, get perfect abs, be a super-human. If these are the standards we internalize, it's no wonder we feel shame when our lives and feelings don't measure up.

Acknowledging and accepting that, yes, life is complicated is critical to overcoming the shame barrier in mental illness. The government, media, schools, employers and individuals need to acknowledge that negative feelings exist and we need to talk about them.

Reality is messy. And that's OK.

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Gossip

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METRO'S TAKE ON
THE WORLD OF
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Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Taylor used to write about exes,
now she writes about convicts

Who doesn't love a good bizarre lawsuit? Jose Hilario, who is currently serving a 10-year prison sentence for child pornography, is suing Taylor Swift for \$100 million US on the claim that she used his life story for lyrics on her hugely successful album 1989. In the handwritten — yes, handwritten — filing obtained by Radar Online, Hilario claims that he and Swift began an email correspondence in 2008 shortly after she turned 18 and started connecting via Skype

because Swift “was lonely and sad and that she needed someone to chat with.” After two months of virtual friendship, Hilario says they met up at a Rhode Island mall on April 13, 2008. “They hugged and kissed each other,” the suit claims, adding that Swift promised “she would help him with his legal problems and that she would write and sing songs about him.” The problem, he claims, is that Swift only did half of that, as he apparently discovered

upon listening to 1989.

“I know for a fact that the defendant have a good heart and that she will come back to her senses and not forget her promise that she made to me,” Hilario’s suit states, mysteriously switching from third to first person. It may seem odd, though, that a friend looking for legal assistance would also demand \$100 million, but there you go. Oh, and Hilario is also asking Swift to introduce him to Miley Cyrus. Because of course.

Police still investigating
Emile’s Sundance dust-up

Things apparently got more than a little heated between actor Emile Hirsch and an unidentified female Paramount Pictures executive at a Sundance after-party. The altercation reportedly took place early Monday morning at Tao’s pop-up club at the film festival. “Something happened between the movie exec and Emile, and she said she had been assaulted and asked security to call the police,” a source tells Page Six. “Emile didn’t leave the scene, and calmly waited for the police to arrive, and spoke with them until around 5 a.m., after which he went



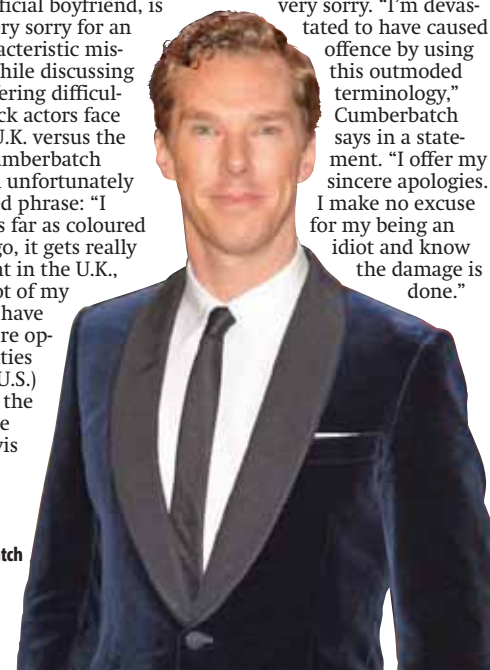
Emile Hirsch

home with his friends. No arrests were made.” That could change, though, as Salt Lake City police are said to still be investigating the matter.

Benedict admits he’s ‘an idiot’
for using outdated racial term

Benedict Cumberbatch, star of Sherlock and the Internet’s official boyfriend, is very, very sorry for an uncharacteristic misstep. While discussing the differing difficulties black actors face in the U.K. versus the U.S., Cumberbatch used an unfortunately outdated phrase: “I think as far as coloured actors go, it gets really different in the U.K., and a lot of my friends have had more opportunities (in the U.S.) than in the U.K.,” he told Tavis Smiley

during a visit to his PBS show. And now he’s very, very sorry. “I’m devastated to have caused offence by using this outmoded terminology,” Cumberbatch says in a statement. “I offer my sincere apologies. I make no excuse for my being an idiot and know the damage is done.”



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Twirlgate, mani-cams and sexism pushback

Backlash. Women are using social media to voice concerns about how female celebrities, athletes and politicians are treated by reporters

Eugenie Bouchard. Hillary Clinton. Julianne Moore.

What do they have in common? For one, they're all notable women in their respective realms. Many say they've also been on the receiving end of gendered treatment from the media, fielding questions about their outfits instead of their accomplishments, for example. But if online pushback is any indication, women are getting fed up ... and making their voices heard.

Bouchard, the Canadian tennis star, was a hot topic on social media last week after twirling at the request of a male interviewer during the Australian Open.

As for Clinton, the ongoing will-she-or-won't-she debate over her potential 2016 presidential run led has led to speculation about how her daughter's pregnancy would



Canada's Eugenie Bouchard gestures during her women's singles match against Maria Sharapova at the 2015 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on Tuesday. Bouchard was a hot topic on social media last week after a male interviewer asked her to twirl around. PAUL CROCK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

affect her decision.

And at Sunday's Screen Actors Guild awards in Los Angeles, Moore and fellow celebs Jennifer Aniston, Reese Witherspoon and Tatiana Maslany, the Canadian star of Orphan Black, all rejected E!'s controversial mani-cam. (For those who don't know, it's exactly what it sounds like: a camera devoted to offering a close-up look at the manicures of fe-

male celebrities.)

"I got a text from my son saying, 'Yeah, blow off the mani-cam,'" Moore told reporters after the event. The gimmick was in the spotlight at last year's SAG awards too, when Cate Blanchett snubbed E!'s request, asking, "Do you do that to the guys?"

After Sunday's round of rebuffs, Twitter was filled with support for the actresses who

opted out. "Tatiana Maslany is a role model because even amongst peer pressure, she turned down the Mani-Cam," tweeted MTV staffer Lauren Pokedoff.

"Will all these celebs refusing to do mani-cam finally get E! to stop trying to make it happen?" wondered Vlada Gelman, an editor at TVLine.com.

"There they are — red carpet, lights glaring — and they

almost did (the mani-cam) and then they said no. I thought, 'Good for you ... for standing up and defining your limits for what is acceptable,'" says Elissa Freeman, a pop culture expert and communications strategist.

But she says it will take more women making a stand — and men, too — to fully change the conversation and shift public consciousness.

"Until people say, 'Smarten up,' then you're not going to get any change, and they're still going to get the mani-cam at the next award show," Freeman says.

As for Bouchard, an incident being called Twirlgate has met with derision from several women in the global sporting community.

"Can you give us a twirl and tell us about your outfit?" Bouchard was asked on camera. She obliged, burying her face in her hands.

"This is truly sexist," tweeted Billie Jean King, an American former tennis champion.

"It was an insult to women's sport," echoed England women's football captain Kelly Smith in an interview with the Mirror.

Women have also objected

to speculation about whether Clinton can be both a grandmother and a president.

"Is it fair to pit grandmotherly desires against political ambition?" questioned ABC News writer Liz Kreutz. "Would anyone ever ask the same questions about a male politician? Is this speculation, in essence, sexist?"

It's absolutely sexist, says Freeman. But she says women are increasingly taking a stand against this kind of gendered treatment from the media.

"Women's voices are starting to be heard and it seems they're using social media as a platform to do that, because they're not necessarily being asked by the press about these things," Freeman says.

That includes participating in online campaigns like therepresentationproject.org, an initiative pushing to change how interviewers talk to women on the red carpet. The hashtag, started early last year by the Representation Project — an organization geared toward challenging and overcoming limiting gender stereotypes — is still being used through the 2015 award season.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Magic!'s reggae nabs five Juno nominations



Magic! HANDOUT

Magic! is the leading nominee heading into this year's Juno Awards.

The Toronto group's reggae-infused single Rude is up for single of the year, while they're also nominated in the Juno Fan Choice, breakthrough group, top songwriter, and pop album of the year categories.

Leonard Cohen and Calgary's Kiesza have four nominations apiece.

Rockers The Arkells will perform at the awards show, which is being staged in their hometown of Hamilton, along with Magic!, Kiesza, Hedley and Shawn Mendes.

Neither Magic! nor Kiesza had ever been up for a Juno before hot-stepping into a collective nine nominations this year.

The show will air live on CTV on March 15.

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Notable

For the first time since 2009, bouncy-banged heartthrob-turned-tattoo-canvas Justin Bieber failed to land a single Juno nomination.

Among the nominees from Calgary are:

- Newcomer Kiesza is one of the frontrunners, garnering four nods for: single of the year, breakthrough artist of the year, dance recording of the year, and video of the year.
- Other Calgary nominees for Junos are: Jann Arden for adult contemporary album of the year and Chad VanGalen for alternative album of the year.

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Phoenix-Scottsdale is the place to be this weekend with a rowdy PGA event and the Super Bowl



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For four eagerly anticipated days starting tomorrow, the twin cities of Phoenix-Scottsdale will be the focus of the sports universe.

First up is the Waste Management Phoenix Open, which annually draws the loudest, rowdiest and largest crowds on the PGA Tour. And overlapping the tourney's final round on Sunday is Super Bowl XLIX at University of Phoenix Stadium. The NFL showdown will be viewed by an estimated 112 million fans worldwide.

With more than 100,000 out-of-town visitors expected for both events, this year's Phoenix Open at the newly remodelled TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course is almost certain to shatter last year's record attendance of 590,000.

Billed as the Greatest Show on Grass, the tournament is a sports marketer's fantasy come to life.

Even non-golfers feel obliged to make the scene. Young women in stiletto heels and skin-tight dresses stream through the gates to flirt with shirtless, face-painted and inebriated young men. In the evening, the party refuels at the Coors Light Birds Nest, a temporary nightclub



The par-three 16th hole at the Waste Management Phoenix Open is surrounded by rowdy fans. CONTRIBUTED



The TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course expects to welcome more than 590,000 visitors during the Phoenix Open. CONTRIBUTED

under a giant tent.

Wildest of all are the crowds that overflow the grandstand surrounding the par-three 16th hole. Players are variously greeted by cheers, boos and name-calling as they enter the stadium. Those who make poor tee shots are berated mercilessly

as they take their walk of shame to the green.

Easily forgotten in the hoopla is the Stadium Course's prominence among the groundbreaking desert courses that have made Phoenix-Scottsdale one of the world's top golf destinations. Designed by Tom Weiskopf

and Jay Morrish, the course brilliantly blends large patches of natural desert with just 28 acres of green fairways.

Beginning in the 1980s, local water restrictions forced Weiskopf, Morrish and other architects to limit their use of turf fairways and instead embrace the natural drama of the Sonoran Desert. Tee boxes were isolated in seas of sagebrush, cacti and sand. Giant saguaros were used to frame landing areas edged by dusty gullies known as arroyos.

And in their most radical innovation, architects frequently made golfers fly their approach shots to greens protected by large and gnarly waste areas.

Today, more than 200 of Arizona's 300 courses are found in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area. Other top clubs include Grayhawk Golf Club, We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, Troon North Golf Club, The Boul-

ders Golf Club, ASU Karsten Golf Course, Wildfire Golf Club, Raven Golf Club, Dove Valley Ranch Golf Club, Eagle Mountain Golf Club, and McDowell Mountain Golf Club.

But more than any other, the Stadium Course has spread the gospel of desert design around the golf world. This year's tournament will showcase an eight-month, \$12-million facelift of the course by Weiskopf.

Greens were relocated on several holes, bunkers reshaped and more than 250 trees planted.

Adding to the growing excitement was the recent announcement by Tiger Woods that he will play in the Phoenix Open for the first time since 2001. Ticket sales exploded following his entry.

It's going to be a crazy four days.

Where to stay:

- **Fairmont Scottsdale Princess.** Located next door to the TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course, this popular luxury hotel is home base for many of the visiting PGA Tour pros.
- **Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.** This tastefully decorated hotel in North Scottsdale features 27 holes of golf just steps from the lobby doors.
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Live as the locals do in the City of Angels

Off the beaten path.

Experience the 'made in L.A.' mantra, but don't forget to hit the beach

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For Metro

Los Angeles is all about Hollywood glamour and California beach culture, but it's easy to get off the tourist track and experience it like a local.

Downtown L.A.'s Arts District is undergoing a renaissance, with local street art, artisan coffee shops, and new restaurants opening up in converted industrial buildings.

"It's got its own vibe and personality," said Molly Morgan, assistant manager of communications with the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board.

L.A. artists helped pioneer the global street art movement back in the 1960s.

Today, the city is home to thousands of street murals from modern to impressionistic — with one



L.A. at night is booming, especially Koreatown, which has one of the largest concentrations of nightclubs and 24-hour restaurants in the U.S.

of the most condensed collections in the streets of the Arts District.

Like the rest of the city, there is a focus here on "made in L.A." — whether it's locally-grown ingredients used in restaurants or locally-crafted jewelry, clothing, and artwork.

Downtown L.A.'s Grand Central Market, for example, celebrates the cuisines and cultures of L.A., from Sarita's Pupuseria to Horse Thief BBQ and The Oyster Gourmet. This 30,000-square-foot arcade is both a food emporium and retail marketplace, which also serves as a hub for public events.

Of course, a trip to L.A. would be remiss without spending some time at the beach. Aside from Santa



Venice Beach boardwalk is one of the main beaches in L.A., but there are others not to be missed. PHOTOS COURTESY LA TOURISM

Monica and Malibu, the other big beach is Venice. And while the infamous Muscle Beach has found its way into countless movies and TV shows, there are lesser-known enclaves that are worth exploring, according to Morgan.

Walk, bike, or in-line skate down the carnival-like Ocean Front Walk, or even learn to surf. Rent a bike, blades or board, or try a Legends bike tour (from Perry's Cafe) that winds its way through the Ital-

ian-inspired canals of Venice.

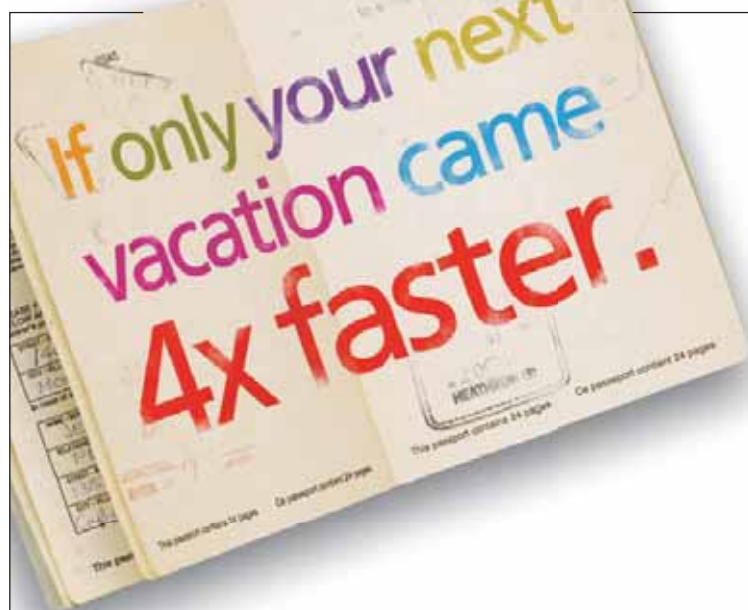
While in Venice, check out Abbot Kinney, which GQ magazine calls the "coolest block in America." Considered one of L.A.'s hippest shopping districts, Abbot Kinney offers everything from artwork to jewelry and clothing from homegrown artists and designers, with an ever-evolving culinary scene (try Baja-style codfish tacos at Oscar's Cervetec or sip a blood orange julep at Barlo's open-air rooftop lounge).

Forgo the rental car

- Whether you want to take in L.A.'s music scene, beach culture or diverse neighbourhoods, it's possible to explore this sprawling metropolis without a car. The Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board offers a series of self-guided, car-free itineraries to explore L.A. by foot, bike, or Metro.

In Venice, visitors can also get a taste of L.A.'s thriving food truck scene, with affordable gourmet fare that reflects L.A.'s cultural diversity, from Mexican, Japanese and Jewish to distinctly Californian fare. To track down a food truck, check out findafoodtrucks.com.

For nightlife, head to Koreatown, just west of downtown L.A., which Morgan said caters to the more adventurous traveller. Once the centre of Golden Age Hollywood, K-town is now one of the most diverse neighbourhoods in L.A.



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Now is the time to take a tour of Selma

History. A half-century anniversary and the Oscar-nominated film have put the spotlight on this Alabama city

The 50th anniversary of the civil rights marches in Selma and the movie that tells the story are expected to bring thousands of visitors to this historic Alabama city this year.

Visitors can still walk across the bridge where voting rights marchers were beaten in 1965 and see the churches where they organized protests. "There are certain place names in American history where significant, history-making events took place, like Gettysburg, Valley Forge and Vicksburg, and I think because of this film, Selma becomes one of the place names that stands as a significant milestone in American history," Alabama tourism director Lee Sentell said.

Oprah Winfrey, other actors from Selma and hundreds more marched to the city's

Edmund Pettus Bridge two weekends ago on the eve of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. But a bigger event is expected to attract more than 40,000 people — including present and former government officials — in Selma March 5-9 for the annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, including a walk across the bridge March 8.

The event marks the 50th anniversary of the Bloody Sunday, when law enforcement used billy clubs and tear gas to rout marchers intent on walking 80 kilometres to Montgomery on March 7, 1965, to seek the right for blacks to register to vote. A new march, led by Martin Luther King Jr., began March 21, 1965, and arrived in Montgomery on March 25, with the crowd swelling to 25,000 by the time they reached the Capitol. Those events and others helped lead to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which opened Southern polling places to millions of blacks and ended all-white rule in the South.

The movie Selma won Oscar nominations for best picture and best song.

Today, the bridge and ad-

joining downtown business district look much as they did in 1965, except many storefronts are empty and government buildings are occupied largely by African-American officials.

Attractions related to the protests are all within walking distance of the bridge. They include the First Baptist Church, where many protests were organized, and Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, where marchers congregated before going to the bridge and where they sought safety after being beaten.

Near the bridge, a free tour of an interpretative centre built by the National Park Service offers photographs of the events and emotional video interviews with people who were on both sides of the issues. Nearby is the Ancient Africa, Enslavement and Civil War Museum, where visitors can see how slaves were captured, sold and exploited, including a depiction of what it was like to be on a slave ship bound for America.

"You have to know about slavery to know why we didn't have the right to vote," said

For more information...

- National Park Service Selma to Montgomery Trail. nps.gov/semo/index.htm
- National Voting Rights Museum. nvrmi.com
- Alabama Tourism. alabama.travel
- Bridge Crossing Jubilee. bcjubilee.org



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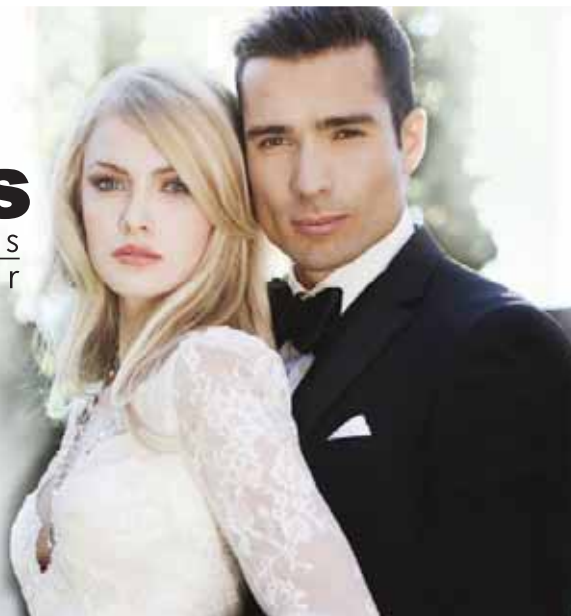


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If you are a fan of tuna sandwiches, you might want to give this simple pasta a try!

A fresh and flavourful ingredient, rapini, also known as broccoli rabe, gives this pasta dish a big hit of vegetable flavour with a kick of Italian flare.

Cooking greens like rapini ahead of time helps remove

some of the bitter flavour that often associated with them. Letting it cook in the sauce helps soften it, too.

Cooking the rapini ahead of time will also make this dish even faster. Simply cook the rapini, drain it well and remove any excess water. Let it cool and store it in container in the refrigerator for up to up days.

You can also try this make-ahead method with other greens like kale, collards and dandelion.

If there are any leftovers, be sure to make a frittata with the remains. Simply beat eggs and stir them into the pasta. Pan-fry the mixture and once the egg is set on both sides, you have yet another meal.

Directions

1. Chop rapini into 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces and place in pot of boiling water. Cook, stirring for about 10 minutes or until tender. Drain well and press any excess water

out of rapini.

2. In large deep nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook rapini, garlic and hot pepper flakes for about 4 minutes or until starting to crisp. Add tomatoes, pesto and tuna and boil gently, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until thickened.

3. Meanwhile, in pot of boiling water, cook pasta for about 10 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain well, reserving 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the cooking water. Add pasta to the skillet and toss with sauce, adding enough of the cooking water to moisten if necessary. Sprinkle with cheese, if using.

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This recipe serves eight. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 1 bunch of rapini (about 1 lb/454 g), trimmed
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot pepper flakes

- 1 cup (250 ml) canned diced tomatoes with juices
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) basil or sun-dried tomato pesto
- 2 cans (170 g each) low sodium light flaked tuna in water, drained

- 1 box (375 g) whole wheat, gluten-free, rice or spelt penne pasta
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)



This recipe serves four to six people. MILKCALENDAR.CA

Easy pizza-inspired pasta

This yummy pasta is based on the classic margherita pizza, which is topped with tomato sauce, cheese and fresh basil. Often the simplest things taste the best.

1. In large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta for about 11 minutes until al dente, or according to package directions.

2. Meanwhile, in a large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic, thyme, salt and hot pepper flakes. Cook 1 minute. Sprinkle with flour; cook, whisking for 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Whisk for

3 to 5 minutes or until smooth and thickened. Stir in tomatoes and Parmesan.

3. Drain pasta and return to pot. Pour in sauce; toss, stirring

1 to 2 minutes over medium heat to coat pasta. Stir in Bocconcini, basil and salt to taste, if needed. Serve with grated Parmesan. DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA / MILKCALENDAR.CA

Ingredients

- 12 oz (375 g) penne pasta
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot pepper flakes
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) all-purpose flour
- 2-1/2 cups (625 ml) milk
- 2 cups (500 ml) cherry tomatoes,

- cut in half
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Canadian Parmesan
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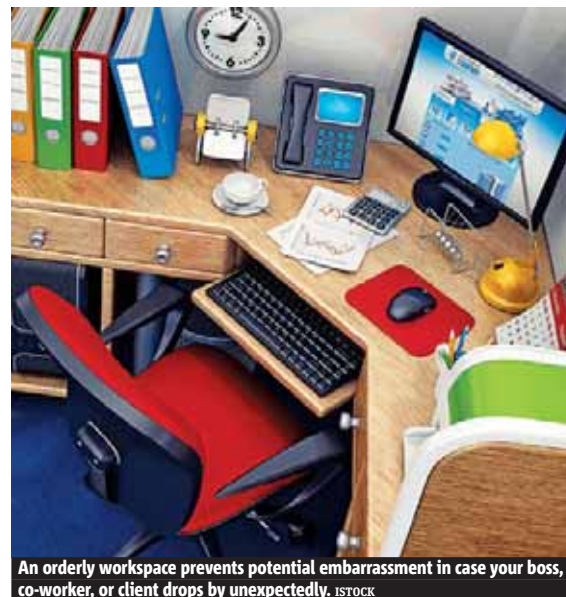
It's a sign of professionalism and, more importantly, an organized employee.

Here are five top tips for making your workspace work:

Develop your own colour code

Use coloured office supplies to help you keep track of things.

Try using colour-coded sticky notes for reminders or to flag items; multi-coloured inks on a calendar where you



An orderly workspace prevents potential embarrassment in case your boss, co-worker, or client drops by unexpectedly. ISTOCK

write in meetings, deadlines and vacation time; folders for keeping related documents together; and highlighters for organizing your to-do list and notes from meetings.

Having your own colour code will help you navigate documents and organizers faster. Not only is it a huge time saver, it will show co-workers you're on top of your game.

Use the tools at your disposal

Think outside the box: a handful of office supplies can go a long way toward keeping your desk de-cluttered.

Try wrapping up loose wires and cords with binder clips, twist ties or elastic

bands. Get a small file tray or organizer to keep papers organized and out of sight, and use a mug or jar to hold your pens, pencils and other writing instruments.

You may also want to use dividers in your desk drawers to organize loose items like paper clips, push pins, magnets, scissors and more.

Keep it clean

At least once every other week, wipe down your computer, keyboard, mouse and phone with disinfectant — you'd probably be surprised how much bacteria and dust builds up in your workspace over time.

Don't leave dirty dishes lying around, either, since

Make use of wall space

Office or cubicle walls are a great place to post important things like calendars, production plans, budgets, business cards and your colleagues' contact information.

- Use push pins or tape to attach documents you reference regularly to your wall in order to free up valuable real estate on your desk. You can also make your workspace look less cluttered by keeping your trash bin, computer processor and a bag with any extra shoes or clothes you keep at the office under your desk.

that will make your desk look messy, and could attract ants or other unwanted guests.

Add a few personal touches

While it's great to keep your workspace neat and tidy with minimal clutter, it doesn't have to be completely devoid of personality.

A few pictures, a piece of artwork or a crafty item like a homemade paperweight or one-of-a-kind mouse pad can help to make the space your own.

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Flames back to the Hiller-Ramo combo

Rotation. After Ortio's departure back to the AHL, Hartley says he's 'very comfortable' with the two-goalie system

The Calgary Flames have reverted to the two-goalie tandem of Jonas Hiller and Karri Ramo after Joni Ortio's short but successful stint with the team.

The Flames remain in position to end a five-year playoff drought following a goaltending philosophy of "he who wins is the starter until he loses."

Head coach Bob Hartley gave Hiller the nod for Tuesday's home game against Buffalo. Hiller stopped 16 of 17 shots in a 4-1 Flames win, but it's a short trip to backup status in Calgary.

Johnny Gaudreau scored two goals for Calgary, with singles going to Joe Colborne and Josh Jooris. Chris Stewart scored for Buffalo.

Hiller allowed six goals in a Jan. 9 loss to the Florida Panthers. That, combined with a Ramo injury, opened the door for Ortio. He arrived from the AHL's Adirondack Flames to keep Calgary in the playoff hunt on a five-game road trip prior to the all-star break.

The 23-year-old Finn showed poise, giving up a combined five goals in four wins over division rivals, including a shutout of Vancouver and overtime victories in Los Angeles and San Jose.

Calgary entered the all-star break alone in the eighth and



Jonas Hiller is scored on by Buffalo Sabres' Chris Stewart, the only goal he surrendered Tuesday in a 4-1 win at the Scotiabank Saddledome. Go to metronews.ca for more coverage of Tuesday's game. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

final playoff berth in the Western Conference with a record of 25-19-3. Ramo's activation from the injured list hastened Ortio's return to the AHL. But Ortio's performance prompts questions about the Flames goaltending situation as the NHL's trade deadline March 2 nears.

"We'll see. Every game has been a Game 7 for quite a while so we're not going to change our approach," head coach Bob Hartley said. "Goaltending is such a big part of winning games. Whoever wants to run with the ball, we'll give it to them."

"Right now we have two goalies we're very comfortable

(with). We appreciate what Joni did for us, but at the same time we felt Joni had to keep playing. Jonas and Karri will carry the load for us."

Calgary signed Hiller to a two-year contract worth \$4.5 million annually last summer after his six seasons in Anaheim. The Swiss netminder won nine of his first 14 starts for Calgary and then lost 10 of his next 14.

"I was kind of longing for a chance to get back and definitely happy with the way I played the second half in Anaheim," Hiller said. Hiller had a goals-against average of 2.47 and a save percentage of .911 at the

all-star break.

Ramo's last start was Jan. 7 when he was injured in a collision with teammate Raphael Diaz during a game in Detroit. The Finn earned four straight starts earlier this season. Ramo's record was 8-5-1 with a GAA of 2.67 and a save percentage of .904 at the all-star break.

Ramo says Hartley communicates his confidence in both goalies during bi-weekly meetings between the head coach and netminders.

"It's been long time since I had a full game, so I'm excited to get back. I don't know when it's going to be."

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NHL

Brodeur ready to call it quits

St. Louis Blues goaltender Martin Brodeur will announce his retirement on Thursday, ending a career that saw him rewrite the NHL record book while winning three Stanley Cup titles and two Olympic gold medals.

The four-time Vezina Trophy winner will make an official retirement announcement Thursday morning, the Blues said Tuesday in a news release.

Brodeur is the NHL's winningest goalie (691 victories) and holds records in several statistics.

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Stem cell treatment

Howe's condition much improved

NHL legend Gordie Howe is doing so well after stem cell treatment that his son would like the hockey legend to undergo the treatment again. Gordie Howe suffered a pair of strokes late last year.

Marty Howe says his father did not have long to live when the family decided to take him to Mexico last month for stem cell treatment. He adds that his father can now walk again and his speech is improving. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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NBA

DeRozan keeps Raptors roaring

DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points and Kyle Lowry added 19 on Tuesday, leading Toronto to a 104-91 victory at Indiana.

The Atlantic Division-leading Raptors (30-15) overcame a sluggish first quarter to pick up their third straight win. The victory also gave Toronto a franchise record for most wins before the All-Star break. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Irving and James make Pistons pay

Kyrie Irving matched his season high with 38 points and LeBron James added 32 to lift the Cleveland Cavaliers to their seventh straight victory Tuesday night, 103-95 over the Detroit Pistons.

The Cavs avenged a 23-point home loss to Detroit late last month while Detroit appears to be struggling to overcome the loss of Brandon Jennings. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Absurdity rules Super Bowl Media Day

Circus. Belichick, Barrel Boy and The Beast all played part in a strange pre-game press conference

Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch knew he had to talk. It didn't mean he had to say anything.

So, in essence, he didn't. And now, on to our regularly scheduled Super Bowl Media Day, where the players and coaches are window dressing, and it's really more about who's asking the questions.

There was Barrel Boy, a pair of buck-toothed sock puppets; and a guy sporting a purple shirt, a bicycle helmet and seven Go Pro cameras "so I can catch all the angles, precisely."

These characters are the sort that have helped turn an event that began as a convenient place to fill up the notebook in advance of the NFL title game into the full-fledged theatre of the absurd it has become.

On Tuesday, about 2,000 reporters — make that people with credentials — filed into

Surreal

As the reporters, camera-men and Nickelodeon superhero Pick Boy elbowed for position, the questions began

the U.S. Airways Center, worked their way down the stairs past a marching band playing a version of Blondie's 1980 hit Call Me, and got down to business.

The New England Patriots filed in and the clock started ticking down from "60:00."

As the reporters, camera-men and Nickelodeon superhero Pick Boy elbowed for position, the questions began.

As expected, New England coach Bill Belichick wasn't forthcoming about much. But now, thanks to a question asked by a kid, we know his favourite stuffed animals are those cute little monkeys you put your fingers in to make them talk.

Belichick stood by his guns Deflategate-wise and said he wasn't going to mention it any more: "We're just focused on Seattle this week,"



Marshawn Lynch, not a big fan of media day **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

he said.

Speaking of Seattle, about a half-hour before the Seahawks took to the floor at the jammed, claustrophobic arena that the NBA's Phoenix Suns call home, a crowd started gathering around Podium No. 6. Lynch's name was up there. Quite a surprise, considering he spent last year's Media Day in a corner, surrounded by teammates who

wouldn't let any reporters near him.

An hour with "The Beast?" Seemed promising. Then, he climbed the stairs, set his timer, said he was doing this so he wouldn't get fined and pronounced he would answer every question the same way until his time was up. That ended with about 57:30 remaining on the countdown clock, and it's not a sure thing he was right

about the fine thing. The Pro Football Writers Association is talking to the league about what happened and Lynch has been told there's a potential he could, indeed, have to pay up for leaving early.

As Seattle's 60 minutes were wrapping up, a group of practice squad players were showing off their best dance moves for the camera — Jimmy Staten did the "Sprinkler" — while being surrounded by scantily clad ladies in cheerleading gear.

A few steps away, a man wearing clown makeup and a rubber-ribbon wig was carrying a microphone and following a reporter with a low-cut neckline that highlighted her painted-on black-and-white dress.

In another corner, former Rams MVP quarterback Kurt Warner, now retired and with a TV gig, had a microphone in front of Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson.

"This is football players interviewing football players," observed the legendary sports writer, Art Spander, now covering his 39th Super Bowl. And reporters interviewing reporters. No stone is left unturned at Media Day. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Market position

This is the segment where automakers advertise their rock-bottom prices, but be careful. Most base models don't come with air conditioning, power windows or other convenience features, so add in their cost for comparison if you want them.

Points

- The car's single wiper blade looks neat and does a great job of cleaning the windshield.
- Although it's officially a five-passenger, you should realistically expect to get just two adults in the back.
- Controls are simple and straightforward, but the lock and window buttons need backlighting at night.



The rear seats really only hold two adults, but fold down for cargo.

Interesting features

Nine airbags, USB port, power locks, digital clock, 60/40 folding rear seat, and rear wiper/washer are all standard equipment; options include a leather-wrapped steering wheel, keyless entry, heated mirrors and fog lamps.

Aging star gets a facelift



PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH

Review. Refreshed Toyota Yaris looks good but the unchanged mechanicals feel a little bit behind the times

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Once a rather dull-looking little car, the Toyota Yaris gets a major facelift for 2015.

Sporting a grille reminiscent of some Lexus models, the company's entry-level runabout now looks the part in this competitive subcompact segment.

You can get it as a two-door

hatchback, which comes in a single trim level at \$14,545. The four-door hatch comes in two trim levels, starting with the LE at \$15,695, and my top-line SE tester, which starts at \$17,665.

Mine had a five-speed manual, while the available four-speed automatic takes it to \$18,665.

The mechanicals didn't get changed in this update, and they're a little behind the times, but they do the job.

The 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine makes 106 horsepower and, although that doesn't sound like much, it's a fun little car to drive, especially with the stick shift.

A sixth gear would be nice, since the engine revs more



There's a lot of hard plastic in the cabin, but it's a handsome, functional design.

than I like at highway speeds.

The suspension and steering have been tweaked, and the Yaris feels rigid and stable, with a tight turning radius that's handy for getting into tight parking spaces.

I'd like to see Toyota add

hill-start assist, which momentarily holds the brake when you're stopped on an incline and gives you enough time to get your foot from the brake to the throttle without rolling backwards. It's handy for all drivers, but especially

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3 Ford Fiesta

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Three engines range from the 120-hp base to a 197-hp turbo hot-hatch version.

younger or inexperienced ones who are likely to be shopping in this price range.

Air conditioning, power windows, cruise control, and keyless entry are extra-charge on the base LE trim line, but standard equipment on the SE.

There's a lot of hard plastic in the cabin, as you'd expect for the price, but it's a handsome design and very functional.

The SE's sport-style seats are comfortable and fairly supportive, and you can fold down the rear seats for extra cargo space.

It may not be fancy, but the Yaris remains a viable contender in the little-car segment.

Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Next-gen Volt will share Cadillac's battery regeneration system

The upcoming replacement for the Chevrolet Volt will get the same driver-controlled battery regeneration system already being used in the range-extended Cadillac ELR, reports Automotive News. The two vehicles now essentially share their power systems. The ELR's Regen on Demand allows the driver to decelerate while descending a hill or approaching a turn under braking, converting the car's kinetic energy into electricity stored in the battery pack. It gives drivers the opportunity to "finesse their eco-driving a little bit," controlling the regen directly and not just through the brake pedal, explained Volt chief engineer Andrew Farah. Two paddles on the back of the steering wheel allow the driver to adjust the amount of energy captured by the braking system.

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The next Chevrolet Volt will get some of the technical goodies that were initially saved for the luxury Cadillac ELR.

Automatic recharging system could make life easier for Tesla S owners

Tesla Motors founder and CEO Elon Musk announced this month that his company is working on a robotic arm for recharging its Model S electric plug-in sedans. It would eliminate the driver's need to plug in the car when parked. The robotic system would do away with the need to locate the cable, plug it into the car and turn on the charger. Musk tweeted that the charger automatically moves out from the wall "and connects like a solid metal snake." This was followed by a second tweet: "This can be used with all existing Model S cars, not just future ones."



What's worse than being too lazy to plug in your car? Forgetting. Tesla is working on an arm that will do it for you automatically.

Shift points

- Auto industry news, data and statistics provider WardsAuto has stretched the meaning of the word engine, by including an electric motor from BMW's plug-in i3 city car and Hyundai's fuel-cell powertrain from the Tucson on its annual Top 10 list of engines.
- Since it introduced the first Leaf electric plug-in sedan four years ago, Nissan and its partner-owner Renault have delivered more than 200,000 electric cars, which have driven roughly four billion zero-emission kilometres.
- Electric car owners in Northern Indiana are getting free electricity to recharge between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The Northern Indiana Public Service Company offers the zero rate to owners who install a separate meter just for EV charging.



Volvo tests three-cylinder engines

A Volvo-developed line of three-cylinder engines is the next step in the Swedish automaker's Drive-E program, intended to showcase its engineering prowess and commitment to developing "efficient power." The engines will deliver up to 180 horsepower and will join the existing four-cylinder line of Drive-E engines, which is the first step in the program. Volvo has a history of developing its own engines in-house. Research and development chief Peter Mertens says adding a three-cylinder to the mix is "a natural step" in Volvo's downsizing strategy, and the engine itself is "another step toward zero emissions and real-world performance." Even Volvo's 60 Series sedans will get the three-cylinder option, made possible through "advanced turbo technologies," while meeting ever-stricter emission targets.

Audi unveils an A7 powered by a hydrogen fuel cell

Audi recently unveiled a hydrogen-powered A7 all-wheel-drive coupe, which shows the German automaker's readiness to deploy hydrogen technology should the market ever demand it. Audi fitted an electric motor at each axle, reports Motor Authority, with the electricity to power them coming from either a hydrogen fuel cell or a lithium-ion battery that can be charged from home or topped up with regenerative braking. The fuel-cell system makes 228 hp and 398 lb.-ft. of torque. The driving range on a full tank of hydrogen is 515 kilometres, which can be extended by 50 km if the vehicle's battery is fully charged. However, Audi has no current plans to put the car into production.

Ferrari's laboratory car is a high-tech beast

Ferrari showed its latest rolling test bed in oil-rich Abu Dhabi in December. The FXX K is a rolling laboratory car based on Ferrari's first Hybrid model, the LaFerrari, and will be available to super-wealthy customers — called Client-Test Drivers — with whom Ferrari will roll out a test program over the next two years. The 40 copies in the works are all are spoken for. The K in its designation refers to the kinetic energy recovery system (KERS), but that doesn't make the FXX K exactly green. Just 190 of the car's total 1,036 horsepower output comes courtesy of the electric motor and KERS system, with the balance exploding from its advanced 65-degree V12 engine. No price was disclosed. KERS uses a small flywheel that's electrically spun up to very high revolutions during braking. The driver can then slow the flywheel to generate electricity for short bursts of power.



Electricity can improve fuel efficiency. But with supercars such as the Ferrari FXX K, it is used to generate more power.

Car colours are personal, but blame Apple for boring white

The next time you buy a car, you might want to pause a while longer when deciding on the colour.

Top automakers throw millions of dollars at researching what the latest tastes are, and say the colour of a vehicle is so important to customers that it can be the difference between buying or not.

The recent auto show in Detroit saw all the classic colours — red for Ferrari, yellow for Porsche — and a few less conventional (a Nissan Titan pickup truck in “forged copper”).

But there was no mistaking the preeminence of white — particularly at the Volkswagen booth, where several cars, the stairs, and much of the furniture were all white.

Of course, in a multibillion-dollar industry, nothing is left to chance.

At least two designers in Detroit referred to the "Apple effect" to explain the propensity for white vehicles.

"White for cars really peaked in the 1970s and 1980s, and then, all of a sudden, dis-

appeared," said Volkswagen head designer Oona Scheepers, sitting at a white table, on white chairs, in a white room.

"But in the last 10 years, we have noticed an increase again in white. And it definitely came with the Apple iPod era, because Apple started to do everything with white, and a lot of nice chrome or metal finishes. In combination, it was really nice and fresh."

But black is still Volkswagen's best-seller. So if you choose a black vehicle over a white one, what kind of person does that make you?

"You could be sporty. But people in hot countries like white," Scheepers says. "White definitely deflects heat."

She also sees stark contrasts between countries, particularly when it comes to North America and China.

"China is going for very, very bold colours. America is still quite subdued. White sells extremely well here, and there is still a preference for champagne-toned body colours and a movement towards the reds.

"But China is going for gold, extreme greens — it's a mixture of a green and a brown — very expressive."

Volkswagen's research has also turned up a surprising anomaly: Younger buyers want more sober-coloured vehicles — while older drivers go for brighter ones. **AFP**



If you're driving an Aston Martin, the colour probably won't matter. For the rest of us, it's important. TORSTAR NEWS FILE

Sales. Good looks trump pleasant personalities



Forget bang for the buck, small-car shoppers want to look good. CONTRIBUTED

Forget reliability, safety, performance or high-tech gadgets: when it comes to cars, buyers are more likely to fall for good looks than anything else.

Researchers from San Francisco State University, led by associate professor of marketing Minu Kumar, studied what it is about a car or brand that creates loyalty or passion.

They asked more than 700 drivers for their opinions of 30 vehicles, and discovered that looks have the biggest influence. Although aesthetics are obviously a major draw for luxury cars, the researchers

were surprised to discover the same rules apply at the opposite end of the market — the 30 vehicles were chosen because of their small size and perceived practicality.

"In product design, if you focus more on the aesthetics of the product, the connections that you create with the consumer at the brand level will result in more loyalty and a more sustainable relationship," said Kumar. "You might think that segment wants more functionality, more bang for their buck. That may not necessarily be true." **AFP**

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Jag gets leaner, meaner in return to glory

Autopilot. The latest rebuild for the storied but recently tarnished luxury brand appears headed for success. Sorry Maple Leaf and Oiler fans



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Rooting for Jaguar is much like rooting for the Toronto Maple Leafs or Edmonton Oilers.

Lots of great history and

many years leading the pack, only to be followed by a Sahara-like dry patch.

But you stay committed, because of the history, and because there is just enough semi-success here and there to keep you from abandoning all hope. But as each season comes and goes, you're left grasping at

the only optimistic option: another total rebuild.

Well, at least one of these storied franchises finally appears ready to return to its former glory — rewarding its past, current and future fans. Here's a hint: it's not one that wears mouth guards.

Jaguar's latest rebuild ef-

fort looks to be the real deal, based on a massive investment by its current ownership group, Tata Motors of India.

Billions were spent on a new R&D centre and engine plant (both in the U.K.), and on a new assembly plant in China, which will produce Land Rovers and Jaguars.

A ton of money also went into developing Jaguar's new vehicle architecture, which has been in the works for years, and is finally ready for prime time.

Full of aluminum and very modular, it will form the basis of every new Jaguar coming down the pike, such as the new XE luxury compact, future compact and midsize luxury crossovers, the next-generation XF luxury sedan, and probably the next-generation XJ flagship as well. (Only the XF sports car has gone with a different architecture).

When Tata bought Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford in 2008, analysts wondered how much pain it would have to go through before seeing any gain. In 2010, global sales dropped to about 40,000 vehicles, a new and painful low.

But in just four short years, annual sales shot up to more than 100,000.

The new XF and XJ sedans initiated, and continue to build, momentum, and everybody loves the idea of the new F-type — the first real two-seat sports car from Jaguar since the iconic E-type of the 1960s.

Iconic revival

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Jaguar benefited from Land Rover's earlier, successful turnaround — the money was there to invest in Jaguar. The sharing of technology between the two brands will also help as they move forward.

And now we're hearing plans to sell both brands from the same showrooms, so that luxury shoppers will sense the breadth and variety of the combined brands as soon as they stroll inside the dealership. That should help develop more customer loyalty to the Jaguar Land Rover family.

Like all other auto makers, Jaguar is banking on an aggressive push into China, now the world's largest luxury market.

The other trick up Jaguar's sleeve is loading up on German executive talent. Many ex-BMW managers are now in the Jaguar/Land Rover fold, ready to try a new version of the business plan that has made the Munich-based automaker so successful.

With Jaguar poised for a great run, a coaching change is neither necessary nor imminent.



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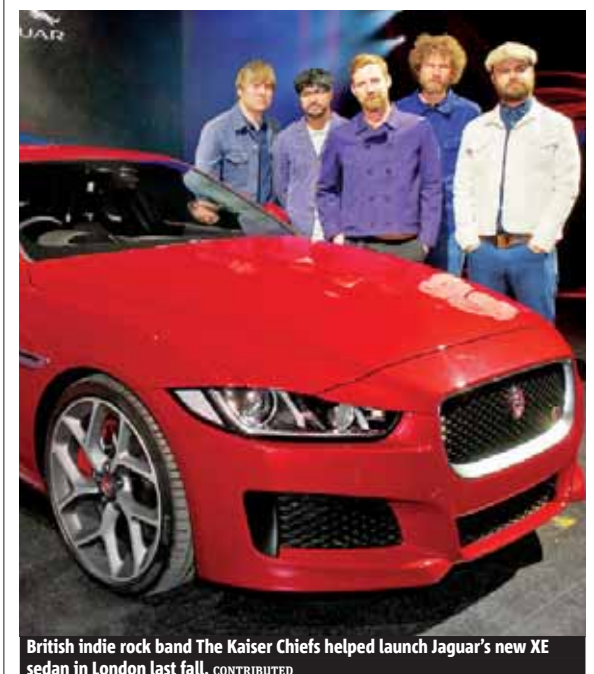
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British indie rock band The Kaiser Chiefs helped launch Jaguar's new XE sedan in London last fall. CONTRIBUTED

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Travel arrangements may be subject to delays today, so give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to be. If you do get held up, take it in stride.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't let a friendship suffer over a money issue that is of no importance. It may seem a big deal to you now but in a matter of days you will realize it wasn't worth the time or the energy.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

A loved one will go out of their way to do something they hope you approve of today. Even if you are not impressed pretend that you are, because if you help them feel good now they will help you later on.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Keep your eyes and ears open today because something you see or hear could be the final piece in a puzzle that has been causing you sleepless nights.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't leave loved ones guessing what you expect of them. This is one of those times when you must spell things out in words of three syllables or less.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone who never seems to stop complaining is beginning to get on your nerves and at some point today you will have to confront them.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may not be enthusiastic about what you are expected to do today but if you are smart you will do it anyway. Others look up to you as someone who can be relied on.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A money-making idea may seem to be the answer to your prayers but as mind planet Mercury is going through one of its retrograde phases it will pay to be cautious.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A loved one will say something thoughtless today and your feelings will be hurt. Don't plot your revenge. It's unlikely they meant to be spiteful.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be tempted to cut corners and do less than your best on a task today but is that such a good idea? It will lead to mistakes and those mistakes will cost a lot to correct.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are wasting time and energy fantasizing about things that are never going to happen. Today's Mercury-Uranus link demands that you bring your dreams down to earth.

Pisces

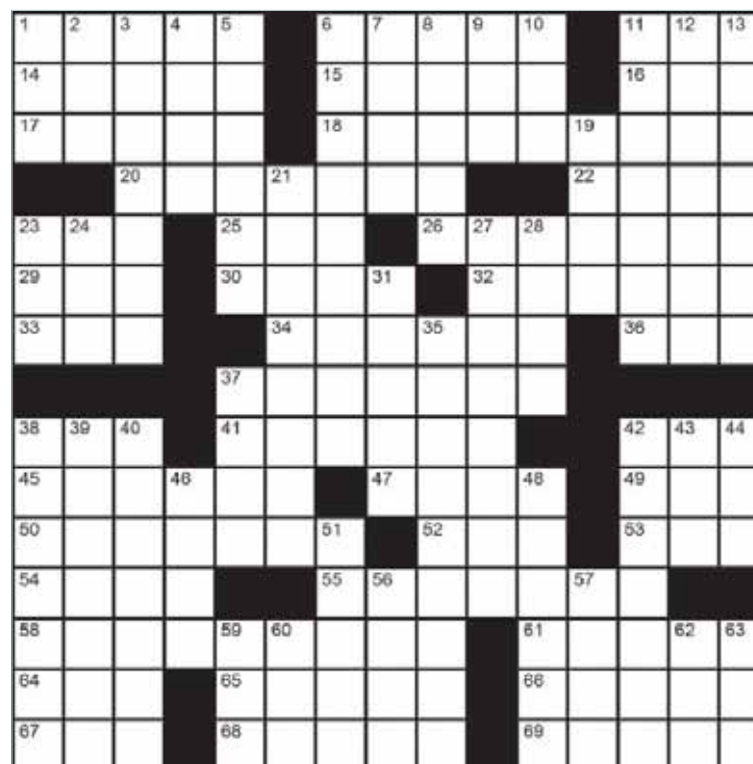
Feb. 20 - March 20

The course of action you're about to take won't meet with everyone's approval but you don't care. Do it your way!

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Cooking: Not set high: 2 wds.
6. Hollies hit bit: "... heavy, ___ brother."
11. US cable network
14. Depression-era song: "Brother, Can You Spare ___?"
15. Web-sent party notice
16. Promise to pay
17. Hockey, for example
18. Late-'70s futuristic series starring #40-Down: 2 wds.
20. Ancient Assyria's capital
22. Possess
23. Yalie
25. Soul: French
26. Footsteps
29. Industry, colloquially
30. "... ___ ring on it." - Beyonce
32. Jean-Philippe ___ (Baroque composer)
33. Spelling contest
34. Group of Seven member Arthur
36. "How ya doin'?"
37. Milk intolerance reason
38. Ms. Kardashian
41. Turtles tune: "___ Me Babe"
42. Arrow's partner
45. "That may be, but...": 2 wds.
47. Bun
49. Admiration
50. Whistle-holding cord



52. Name for many Popes
53. He humans
54. Eleven: French
55. Google yourself
58. 'Deep Fantasy' is a current album by what Vancouver punk rock band?: 2 wds.
61. Starts racing!: 2

62. Ms. ___ Valley, San Francisco
65. Gambling mecca in China
66. Famous violin, commonly
67. Bronze Roman money
68. Actress, Holly

- Robinson ___
69. Broadway performer Ms. McDonald

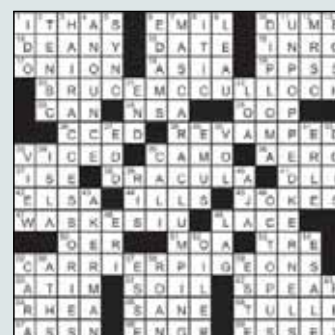
Down

1. '___' in Ottawa
2. Tom Mulcair's pol. party
3. Exalt enormously
4. Actor Mr. Katz

5. Fast food towelette
6. Sans serif font style
7. Ancient celebrator's "Whoopie!"
8. Swooning sounds
9. Kingston Trio hit
10. Yearning
11. Rants
12. Moncton's province, in French:

- ___ Brunswick
13. Does a car maintenance job: 2 wds.
19. Carpentry wedge
21. Imitator
23. Decline
24. Untruth
27. Bridge frame-works
28. Scarce
31. Displaying activity
35. Late night talk show opening
37. "The Simpsons" sister
38. BC: Okanagan Valley city
39. Sir Walter Scott novel about a Saxon knight
40. Toronto-born actress Heather (See #18-Across and #48-Down for more!)
42. Canadian country star Gord
43. "Thanks! I ___ you one."
44. Hair care brand
46. Novosibirsk 'no'
48. Daughter played by #40-Down in "The Sound of Music" (1965)
51. Tie score in tennis
56. Bothersome bug
57. Alphabet sequence
59. 'E' in HRE, for short
60. Papua New Guinea seaport
62. Outlying
63. US health-related agcy.

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